# Farm Debt Committee Aids Colored Family

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark. —The old-time melodrama of the mortgaged home, in which the long lost son returns in the nick of time to save his widowed mother's property, had its modern counterpart in a report submitted recently by a rural rehabilitation supervisor of the Farm Security Administration in Eastern Arkansas.

The home is that of a colored farm family with 12 children. The hero is the FSA Farm Debt Adjustment Committee.

In 1940 this family had given up hope of saving the farm they had lived on for many years. It was mortgaged to a wealthy planter, who had filed foreclosure papers when the farm debt adjustment committee came to the rescue. A private individual was found who agreed to lend the family the necessary $663 to pay off the mortgage. The new note allowed five years for payment.

One reason the family had been unsuccessful in paying off the mortgage was there had been no livestock on the farm. A loan from the Farm Security Administration enabled the family to buy a cow and brood sow. FSA supervisors offered their help.

This year, however, the family had whittled the note down to $118. They also own three good milk cows, two heifers, a brood sow and three other hogs and over 200 chickens.

Crops include an acre of Irish potatoes, an acre of sweet potatoes, one-half acre of tomatoes, 15 acres of corn, four acres of grain sorghum, seven acres of hay, three acres of cotton in cultivation for a cash crop and with an average crop this year, this family can easily pay its debt to the FSA this fall and again possess full title to the land.